



THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

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Larry D. McCoy, Commander

From the Commander's Desk

I pleased to announce that the changeover occurred with only minimal issues involved. We received new officers and supervisors and the day went without incident. I would like to thank residents, stakeholders, and officials for their patience and understanding while the changes were being done. The new PSAs can be printed by going to the MPD website at <http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/districts.shtm>. I am looking forward to presenting the new lieutenants at the upcoming CAC Meeting. I feel the new changes will enhance the services and support you have come to expect from the members of the Metropolitan Police Department.

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Events

Arrest Made in Chelsea Cromartie Homicide

At approximately 12 noon on Monday, May 10, 2004, detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department's Violent Crimes Branch contacted a subject being sought in connection with the May 3, 2004, shooting death of 8-year-old Chelsea Cromartie. Investigators agreed to meet the suspect in the 1900 block of 13th Street, NW, where they took him into custody. The suspect, identified as 21-year-old Raashed Hall, of the 5500 block of Burroughs Avenue, NE, was brought back to the Violent Crimes Branch office, where he was formally charged with Murder I While Armed. The investigation is continuing, and an additional arrest or arrests may be forthcoming.

It appears the shooting was in retaliation for an argument and fight that occurred earlier in the day on May 3 between Mr. Hall and several individuals while they were in the 5100 block of Burroughs Avenue, NE. The gunman was reportedly firing at individuals walking in front of the residence, in the 800 block of 52nd Street, NE, that Chelsea was visiting. Those individuals were believed to have been part of the group involved in the argument.

The arrest of Mr. Hall came as a result of a subsequent investigation by members of the MPDC's Violent Crimes Branch, Violent Crimes Branch's Special Victims Unit and the Major Case Unit. They were assisted by the MPDC's Intelligence Unit, Prince George's County Sheriff's Department, Prince George's County Police Department, Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (composed of members of the United States Marshals Service and the MPDC), United State's Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, and information received from callers.

Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey thanked and commended all of those involved in this investigation. "I know this will bring little, if any, comfort to the parents, relatives and other loved ones of Chelsea, but I pray it brings some small measure of closure," he said. "And I hope the community will never forget this tragedy and continue to assist the police in combating crime in an effort to avoid any such future tragedies," the Chief added.

Second Arrest Made in Chelsea Cromartie Homicide

At approximately 3 am on Tuesday, May 11, 2004, members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Violent Crimes Branch, with the assistance of members of the Capital Area Regional Task Force led by members of the United States Marshals Service and Metropolitan Police Department, arrested 23-year-old Ricardo Hall. He was arrested at his residence in the 1300 block of K Street, SE, and was charged with Murder One While Armed in connection with the May 3, 2004, shooting death of 8-year-old Chelsea Cromartie.

He is expected to be arraigned on May 11 in DC Superior Court.

Police Report Increase in Seized Weapons

At approximately 2:30 am on Saturday, May 7, 2004, an adult male from North Carolina was shot in the shoulder and chest while in the 4600 block of Blaine Street, NE. The victim managed to drive himself and be admitted to an area hospital. During the course of the investigation, Sixth District detectives observed a handgun in the vehicle and applied for and received a search warrant. When investigators searched the vehicle they recovered a total of five handguns -- a .45 caliber, .380 caliber, .40 caliber, .38 caliber and a .22 caliber.

Detectives are now conducting an investigation to determine if the shooting victim is possibly connected to gun trafficking in the District. The man's name is being withheld because he is a witness in the shooting case and no charges have been filed against him, at this time, pending further investigation.

Within the past two days approximately 25 weapons have been recovered in various cases within the District, part of a trend of increasing gun seizures by the Metropolitan Police Department. In 2003, a total of 1,982 firearms were recovered by police. To date this year, 797 weapons have been recovered. That compares with 719 at this time last

year, an increase of almost 11 percent.

Just last week, 8-year-old Chelsea Cromartie lost her life because of gun violence. Chief of Police Charles H. Ramsey said such tragedies can possibly be avoided if more citizens were to come forward and contact the police with information about those illegally possessing or selling firearms. Residents are urged to call the MPDC at (202) 727-9099 or the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives tip line at 1-800-ATF-GUNS.

Fallen Officers Honored During National Police Week

Police officers, family members and other supporters from across the country are in DC this week to remember their colleagues who were killed in the line of duty. Police Week starts May 9-15. For more information on events and information go to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund website at <http://www.nleomf.com/>.

Citizens Advisory Council

The monthly CAC Meeting will be Thursday, May 27, 2004 at 7:30 PM in the Snyder Community Room at 3D, 1620 V Street, NW. Commander McCoy would like to introduce the new PSA lieutenants. Due to Chief Ramsey's memo there will be no elections until the new boundaries are in place, which will be after June 1, 2004. For more information contact CAC Chair Stanley Mayes at 202-328-1368.

Updates

3D Community Meeting Schedule for May 2004

PSA 301
Lieutenant Brian Grogan
Every Second Tuesday of the Month
Mt. Pleasant Library
16th and Lamont NW
7 PM

PSA 302
Lieutenant Charnette Robinson
Marvin Lyons
Every Second Thursday of the Month
Harriet Tubman Library
3101 13th St NW
7 PM

PSA 303

Lieutenant Michael Gottert
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Kalorama Rec Center
Columbia and Belmont. NW
7:30 PM

PSA 304
Lieutenant James 'Bart' Dykes
Every Fourth Monday of the Month
MPD Boys and Girls Club
2500 14th St NW
7 PM

PSA 305
Lieutenant Edward Delisi
Every Second Thursday of the Month

True Reformer Building
1200 U St. NW
6 PM

PSA 306
Lieutenant Shakir Muslim
Alveta Dennis
Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3D Community Room
1620 V St. NW
7 PM

PSA 307
Lieutenant Michael Smith
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Washington Plaza Hotel
#10 Thomas Circle
7 PM

PSA 308
Lieutenant Ralph Neal
Every Second Wednesday of the Month
Gibson Plaza Apartments
1301 7th St NW
7 PM

United States Attorney's Office

The U.S. Attorney's Office (USAO) has two Community Prosecutors assigned to the Third District. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jean Sexton and Luis Andy Lopez are available to attend your community meeting or event. There is a new Community Outreach Specialist assigned to the Third District. Her name is Melissa Milam. Come to the Meet and Greet set up in the 3D Community Room at 6:30 and hour before the CAC Meeting on May 27. Due to the large number of meetings, the prosecutors may not be able to attend every meeting. In the event that there is a specific agenda item you would like either prosecutor to address, please contact:

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Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

The mission of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community. CSOSA acquired the operational responsibilities for the former District agencies in charge of Probation and Parole and houses the Pretrial Services Agency within its framework. For more

information on CSOSA and community partnership contact Reyna Cartagena at 202-220-5300.

Street Crimes Report

Street Crimes Statistics

A special detail has been formed to combat the criminal activity in the Third District. The idea is to target the violent crime perpetrators and repeat offenders. The following arrests and recoveries have been made by Street Crimes for the month of April 20, 2004 to May 12, 2004:

Felony Arrests	018
Misdemeanor Arrests	088
Traffic Arrests	003
Notice of Infraction (Parking)	006
Notice of Infraction (Moving Violations)	040
Drug Recovery Stops	020
Gun Recovery Stops	004
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	001

